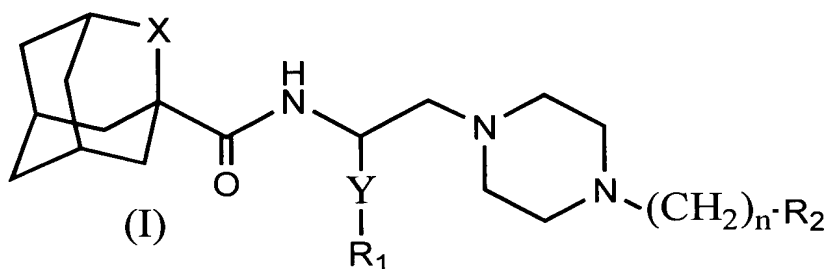


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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention provides compounds and methods using them to provide neuroprotection and prevent or limit processes of neurodegeneration in mammals, including Alzheimer's Disease, Huntington's Disease, Parkinson's Disease, AIDS dementia, retinal disease, diabetic peripheral neuropathy, multiple sclerosis, stroke, acute thromboembolic stroke, focal ischemia, global ischemia, transient ischemic attack, ischemia resulting from surgery, head trauma, spinal trauma, hypoxia, fetal hypoxia, and neuroprotection., the compounds having the structure:



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wherein X is -CH<sub>2</sub>- or a bond; Y is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>- or -(CH<sub>2</sub>)-O-(CH<sub>2</sub>)-; m 0 or 1; n is 0 or 1; R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are independently selected from optionally substituted aryl or heteroaryl; the optical isomers and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.